



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Shinichiro TANIGUCHI et al.

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Sir:

Applicants wish to express their appreciation to Examiner Colin for the courtesies extended Applicants' representative at the April 12, 2005 personal interview. In accordance with MPEP §713.04, the points discussed during the interview are incorporated in the remarks below and constitute Applicants' record of the interview.

Applicants' representative asserted that the claims as presented in the March 29, 2005 Amendment define patentable subject matter over the prior art of record. Examiner Colin disagreed and asserted that the combinations of all the features recited in Applicants' claims are obvious over U.S. Patent 5,117,096 to Bauer *et al.* and U.S. Patent Application Publication 2002/0013898 to Sudia *et al.*

Respectfully submitted,

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